

What actually attracted the moths to the twigs with so much moisture around that evening remains a mystery. It may be that the physical characteristics of the birch twigs enabled water to accumulate in a way the moths could utilise. It was certainly a very pleasing and easy way to observe moths. Nevertheless we recommend searching birch twigs on misty nights in the spring.— BARRY HENWOOD, 6 Lakeland, Abbotskerswell, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 5 YF, STEVE HATCH, 'Mulberry House,' Tower Hill, Buckland Brewer, Bideford, Devon EX39 5NL & ROY McCORMICK, 36 Paradise Road, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8NR.

Two noteworthy very late-flying moth (Lepidoptera) records from Rothamsted Insect Survey light-traps, 2004

A Common Carpet *Epirrhoe alternata* Müll. (Geometridae) was caught in Scotland at one of the Beinn Eighe light-traps (trap number 350, O. S. grid reference NH 025629) on the night of 3/4 November 2004. Double-brooded in the south, this species normally only manages a single brood in the north, flying in June and July. This specimen, while not necessarily a sign of a regular second generation is nonetheless worthy of note for quite how late it was flying, particularly so far north.

Site number 592, St. Clears in Carmarthenshire (SN 259176), produced a specimen of the Rosy Footman *Miltochrista miniata* Forst. (Arctiidae) on 11/12 November 2004. Despite the mild conditions often experienced by this part of the country as a consequence of the Gulf Stream, this moth was flying particularly late, its usual period having ended in early August.

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Further reports of *Cheilomenes lunata* (Fab.) (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae) in Britain, winter 2001-2002

Seven occurrences of *C. lunata* during the winter 2001-2002 were previously reported (*Ent. Rec.* **114**:121-122) and Chris Raper (*Ent. Rec.* **114**:168) has corrected my translocation of Didcot from VC 22 to VC 23. Subsequently I was sent further records during 2002, all associated to supermarket grapes as follows:

Leicester and Hinckley (VC 29, Jan Dawson); Birmingham (VC 38, Dave Scott; two specimens); Llanelli (VC 44, Ian Morgan); Swansea VC 41, Barry Stewart). Barry Stewart was shown another Welsh specimen (Pembrokeshire), but has no further details. Additionally, Roger Hawkins noted another Didcot record at the British Entomological & Natural History Society meeting of 14 May 2002 (*Br. J. Ent. nat. Hist.* **15**: 188).

Most of these reports may stem from a single December importation, although the Llanelli report was at 10 March. To the best of my knowledge, no further